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In re application of: Lévesque *et al.*

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For:

**TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF TRANSFECTED EPIDERMAL
BASAL CELLS INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS,
NEURONAL CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**

Examiner: Schmidt, Mary M.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before March 21, 2001, along with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks.